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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3348**
Curt ZIMMERMANN et al. : Docket No. 2001_0662A
Serial No. 09/857,416 : Group Art Unit 1623
Filed June 4, 2001 : Examiner Patrick T. Lewis

PROCESS FOR PREPARING GLYOXYLIC
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 6, 2004, the period for response having been extended by three months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows: